

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOR JANUARY 27, 2014

Present: Mayor Lou Ogden; Council President Monique Beikman; Councilor Wade Brooksby;

Councilor Frank Bubenik; Councilor Joelle Davis; Councilor Nancy Grimes; Councilor

Ed Truax

Staff
Present:

City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Police Chief Kent Barker; Assistant City Manager Alice Cannon; Community Services Director Paul Hennon;

Finance Director Don Hudson; Deputy City Manager Sara Singer; Deputy City

Recorder Nicole Morris; Information Services Manager Lance Harris

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ogden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Comcast Franchise Renewal Update.

City Manager Lombos introduced Metropolitan Area Communications Commission (MACC) Administrator Bruce Crest. She also noted that Council President Beikman serves as the cities representative on MACC. Mr. Crest presented information regarding the need for extending the current Comcast franchise agreement for one year to allow more time to negotiate a renewal. MACC began working with Comcast in February of last year and have not been able to reach an agreement at this time. MACC will begin the formal negotiation process while continuing to negotiate informally. Mr. Crest and Council President Beikman discussed several of the issues of the negotiation with Comcast including franchise fee revenue and policing powers.

Councilor Bubenik asked if a year was a reasonable time frame to complete negotiations. Mr. Crest expects to have negotiations completed in the next six months but wants to be sure to have ample time to visit all fourteen cities.

Councilor Bubenik asked when the last time the franchise agreement was negotiated. Mr. Crest noted the last agreement was established fifteen years ago.

Councilor Davis asked if there was a difference between a new agreement and a renewal. Mr. Crest stated there are two separate processes and explained both noting that this negotiation is for a renewal of the current franchise agreement.

Mayor Ogden asked if Council President Beikman had heard from Comcast during the negotiations. Mr. Crest stated Comcast has been present at all the MACC meetings and have testified and made themselves available to answer questions.

2. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Grimes requested information regarding permitted parking. She would like the Council to look into having permitted parking put in place in the Fox Hills neighborhood. She has received several complaints about Stafford Hills Racquet Club employees parking in the area. Councilor Truax stated he would also like this information. Council directed staff to bring back information regarding permitted parking at a future Council work session.

Councilor Bubenik announced the Community Development Block Grant had finished rating applications and tentatively announced that the Juanita Pohl Center will receive full funding for their request for a sprinkler system.

Councilor Bubenik noted that he attended the Clackamas Cities Association Dinner and listened to Ted Wheeler talk on Economic Viability for Cities.

Council President Beikman reminded the Council about the Tualatin Together Breakfast on January 28 th at 7:30 a.m. and encouraged the Council to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

// Nicole Morris, Recording Secretary

/ Lou Ogden, Mayor